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Applicant: Robert A. Murgita

Art Unit: 1646

Serial No.: 08/879,469

Examiner: S. Gucker

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Title: RECOMBINANT HUMAN ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN AS A CELL
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BOX APPEAL

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

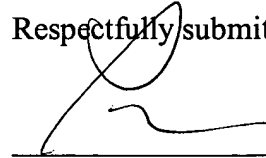
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed July 30, 2001, be extended for one month to and including September 30, 2001.

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